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Hey Joe,

I am assuming this was what John Fuller took away from my call to him in which he received the same message Senator Tester's aid Chad Campbell and Senator Daines aid Kyle Schmauk.

Here is the message I used.

The Superfund Alternative (SA) approach was requested by the Glencore/CFAC and the EPA seriously considered the SA approach for the site. However, the EPA chose not to pursue the SA approach because *of the scientific data comments received during the comment period as well as* the City of Columbia Falls, the Governor's office and Senator Tester's office supported full listing

Interesting how this got twisted. Not surprising though.

Mike

Local EPA officials told my staff that they were usurped by D.C. bureaucrats on this. EPA officials in D.C. unilaterally declaring Columbia Falls a superfund community doesn't sit well with me. I grew up in the Flathead. I know how vibrant the Columbia Falls community and economy can be. EPA bureaucracy in Washington, D.C., is betting against Columbia Falls and taking away our local control. I stand with county commissioners who say we need to hold the company accountable but... we also need to retain our right to do what we see is fit for the land. Once communities are put on the National Priorities List as a Superfund site, they rarely come off. That stigma remains. It draws down property values and hinders investment and future economic development. For a community that just lost a hundred timber jobs, I don't think that's something we can afford. I'm very disappointed in the EPA's decision and will be working with community leaders to figure out ways to revitalize the area and bring jobs back to the Flathead.

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Columbia Falls aluminum plant declared a Superfund site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adding the Columbia Falls aluminum site to the Superfund program's National Priorities List (NPL).

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